

Amendments to the Specification

1 Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] FIG. 5 depicts an exploded isometric view of a portion of the security enclosure of FIGs. 1 and 2 taken between ~~lines 7-7~~ lines 5-5 of FIG. 4 and demonstrating, among other things, locking component engagement in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] Mounting straps 36 are joined by a mounting shank 38, which is securely coupled to base 30. In the preferred embodiment, in which enclosure 20 is configured to be ground set, base 30 is desirably a cast-in-place concrete pad. This allows mounting straps 36 and mounting shank 38 to form an "H" mounting member 40 configured to sit level upon the Earth 32 prior to the casting of base 30. If "H" mounting member 40 is properly positioned and leveled, then when base 30 is cast, mounting shank 38 will be completely cast within base 30, and mounting straps 36 will extend from base 30 the proper amount and at the proper locations.

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:

[0038] In an alternative embodiment, base 30 may be a pre-existing ~~surface 31~~ vertical surface 31, such as a wall. In this embodiment, mounting straps 36 are substantially perpendicularly coupled to mounting shank 38 to form a ~~shallow~~ "U" mounting member 41. The use of "U" mounting member 41 allows mounting shank 38 to be firmly affixed to vertical surface 31, thereby properly positioning and orienting mounting straps 36. When enclosure 20 is small enough, as when encompassing a clock or other small apparatus 22, "U" mounting member 41 may be augmented by the use of a hinge 39.

Please replace paragraph [0039] with the following amended paragraph:

[0039] It is most desirable when using the embodiment of FIGs. 6 and 7 that care be taken to inhibit the ability of a thief or vandal to successfully attack enclosure 20. For this reason, it is desirable, but not a requirement, that "U" mounting member 41 and hinge 39 (if used) be configured to allow the "bottom" of cage 28 to rest substantially flush with vertical surface 31. This may be accomplished by configuring cage 28 so that "U" mounting member 41 and hinge 39 are recessed into cage 28 (shown), or are recessed into ~~surface 41~~ surface 31 (not shown). Alternatively, cage 28 may be provided with additional skirting (not shown) which may be used to eliminate any gap between the "bottom" of cage 28 and ~~surface 41~~ surface 31.

Please replace paragraph [0056] with the following amended paragraph:

[0056] In order that cage 28 may readily be connected to and removed from base 30, i.e., that mounting straps 36 may freely extend through strap engagement slots 58, strap engagement slots 58 each have a slot width 64 greater than strap width 60 and a slot thickness 66 greater than ~~strap thickness 66~~ strap thickness 62. In the preferred embodiment, strap engagement slot 58 has a slot width 64 of nominally 2-1/4" and a slot thickness 66 of nominally 3/8". Those skilled in the art will appreciate that other dimensions for mounting straps 36 and strap engagement slots 58 may be used without departing from the spirit of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [0059] with the following amended paragraph:

[0059] Alternatively, strap engagement slots 58 may be in the pair of opposing angle members 50 affixed between upright portions 46 of each "U" member 44. In this case, each lock plate 68 is affixed to each of those angle members 50, to end panel 26, and to both upright portions 46 of each "U" member 44. This embodiment is depicted in FIGs. 9 and 10 (discussed hereinafter).

Please replace paragraph [0070] with the following amended paragraph:

[0070] Because apparatus 22, has a central component, lock device 74 with ~~lock bar~~ lock rod 76 passing through cage 28 cannot be used. Instead, two modified lock devices 94 having short lock bars 96 are used. This necessitates two fixed lock tabs 80, two locks 88, and two shrouds 90.

Please replace paragraph [0071] with the following amended paragraph:

[0071] Alternatively, two lock devices 74 with ~~lock bars~~ lock rods 76 passing through cage 28 may be used if these lock devices 74 are positioned so that ~~lock bars~~ lock rods 76 "bracket" or otherwise miss the components of apparatus 22. This embodiment is especially useful where apparatus 22 is large and more than two mounting straps are desirable for strength.